



# SB 7

## REVISE AND EXTEND THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG REGISTRY FEE

BY REQUEST OF THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

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### SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Amends 37-7-1511, MCA, prescription drug registry – funding;

- Clarifies and revises which licensees are subject to the annual drug registry fee payment;
- Increases the fee from \$15 to \$30; and
- Extends the authority to collect fees from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

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### OVERVIEW OF POSITION

- The Board of Pharmacy, administratively attached to the Department of Labor and Industry, is responsible for administering and maintaining the Montana Prescription Drug Registry (MPDR) program.
- The MPDR program was authorized in 2011 and became functional in November 2012 as an online tool to provide a list of controlled substance prescriptions to health care providers to improve patient care and safety.
- The program may also identify potential misuse, abuse and/or diversion of controlled substances.
- Collection of a \$15 annual fee began in 2013 from a licensee who, as outlined in current statute, prescribes, dispenses or distributes controlled substances. Such licensees include pharmacists and prescribers (physicians, dentists, optometrists, naturopathic physicians, physician assistants, and advance practice registered nurses with prescriptive authority).

### DATA IN SUPPORT OF POSITION

- The majority of MPDR program funding, \$300,758 annually, is provided through federal grant support from the Montana Board of Crime Control; 2014 fee collection totals \$99,000 (\$75,000 to offset grant funding).
- Revising the statute clarifies who pays the fee and secures additional funding to cover operating costs while still allowing existing authority to seek grant funding for remaining costs and additional enhancements.
- As revised in SB 7, the projected fee collection for FY2016 is \$136,320 and for FY2017 is \$142,980.
- November 30, 2014, MPDR program statistics:

- **REGISTERED USERS AND SEARCHES**

- 2,536 prescribers and pharmacists are registered to use the program
- This represents 38.9% of 5,974 eligible providers located in Montana and 26.7% of 9,511 total eligible providers
- 11,777 patient history searches were conducted in November 2014
- 190,834 patient history searches have been conducted since 2012

- **PRESCRIPTION DATA**

- 5,922,991 prescriptions for controlled substances are in the database as reported from pharmacies
- 701,065 patients are in the database – recognizing some are duplicates based on how a patient's name is reported from a pharmacy (i.e., Bob versus Robert)

- **SUBPOENAS FOR ACTIVE INVESTIGATIONS**

- 22 law enforcement subpoenas were processed in November 2014
- 359 law enforcement subpoenas have been processed since 2012

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